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In re application of

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ASSAYS FOR NUCLEOSIDE DIPHOSPHATES  
AND TRIPHOSPHATES  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

*Page 1, after the title, please insert:*

*This application is a 371 of PCT/GB00/01740 filed May 5, 2000.*

IN THE CLAIMS

*Please cancel without prejudice claims 1-19 and substitute therefor the following new claims:*

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20. A process for detecting the presence of a nucleoside diphosphate in a sample, comprising a step of detecting the dephosphorylation of the phosphoenzyme form a nucleoside diphosphate kinase (NDPK) by detecting a change in a characteristic of the NDPK which differs between its phosphorylated and unphosphorylated forms.

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